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A  
WORD of ADVICE  
TO THE  
**Two New Sheriffs**  
OF  
**LONDON.**

*A Whigg poem. 6. Octob. 1682*  
**N**ow all the bussel's over 'bout the choice  
 Of *North* and *Rich*, *Papillon* and *Dubois*,  
 Some cryd no *North*, and many had an itch  
 To see some other chosen and not *Rich*,  
 Many a *Whigg* did gape with his loud voice,  
 And gave his single Vote for their *Dubois* ;  
 And I believe there was near half a Million,  
 Within the City voted for *Papillon*,  
 And as to you ingenious Mr. *North*,  
 My *Lord Mayors drinking* only brought you forth ;  
 Some talk'd as if you came in at th' *Back door*,  
 But you were introduc'd by Sir *Fohn Moor* ;  
 Come in what Way you will it must be born,  
 For now we find your Worships both are sworn.  
 And now with all my heart I wish you joy,  
 Hoping the *Whiggish Vices* you'l destroy,  
 Where vertue is, Oh *Sirs* ! let that alone,  
 Present it sacred to *Great Brittain's Throne*,  
 Let that be gently dealt with, do't no harm,  
 With Pike, pickt Juries, or with strength of Arm,  
 Encourage vertue in the open Street,  
 And let us see that you are glad to see't,  
 Then wee'l adore you like two petty *Gods*,  
 And *Whiggs* and you will be no more at odds,  
 Wee'l strive with all our might to tell your Glory,  
 If you will slay the vice of *Whigg* and *Tory* :  
 The number of their Sins (I fear) increase,  
 And that's the chief disturbance of our Peace ;  
 We pray you therefore wheresoe're you find them,  
 Give them no quarter, but with Millstones grind them,  
 Be as severe to Sin as you think fit,  
 But as to vertue meddle not with it ;  
 If any should be without cause oppress'd,  
 Oh ease their griefs, and thus you may be blest,  
 Encourage good men, and correct the bad,  
 The City then will be no longer sad,  
 Suppress the Cities Sins, and you'l do well,  
 Suppressing vertue brings men unto Hell ;

Meetings

Meetings have been disturb'd too oft by those  
That to a Bawdy-house were never Foes :  
Thus *Preaching* seems a Crime, and *Whoring* none,  
Poor Mr. *Hilton* , Oh ! let him alone,  
He's a pure harmless Youth and out of pity,  
Disturbs the *Meeting-houses* in the City,  
I think indeed I do not miss my mark,  
If I declare that he is in the dark,  
His time were better spent in *Whetstones-Park*.  
There let *Informers* work and spend their time,  
To break their *Meetings* up can be no Crime ;  
But *Whores* may swear rather than *Christians* Pray,  
*Informers* will have large accounts to pay,  
But like the *Welsh-man* they put off that day :  
Let Hur alone till that day come cry they,  
That day will come, and woe woe be too those,  
That are the *Strumpets* friends and *Christians* foes,  
Woe be to to those I say, the time draws near,  
In which they must expect to pay for't dear.

But go *Informing Villains* from my Pen,  
As you Inform you are the worst of men,  
Inform where *Papists* are, there are great store,  
Inform the *Justices* of ev'ry Whore,  
Inform against your fellow *Rogues* that swear,  
And wallow, like to Swine, in Wine and Bear ;  
Inform against the Vices of the Age,  
There we will give you leave to shew your rage,  
Let them alone that Worship God with fear,  
Or let me tell you, you will pay for't dear ;  
If in their *Meetings* they disturb the Peace,  
I would not have *Informers* then to cease,  
Then be severe, and Plague them as you please,  
Then give them neither countenance nor ease ;  
But if they do no ill, why so severe ?  
Surely thou tak'st the wrong Sow by the ear.  
Sweet Sir *Informers* if they preach but Treason,  
Then hang them up indeed, it is but reason,  
But it's to hard to suffer, or to swing,  
For meeting but to pray for our good *King* ;  
They Preach down sin, and pray for *Reformation*,  
Would there were no worse Subjects in the Nation.

Increase the number Lord of such good men,  
Now where there is but one, do thou raise ten :  
And we shall think it a most Blessed change,  
To give us these, and take away *Le'Strange*.

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